

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

JONATHAN LEE RICHES,

Petitioner,

v.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:07CV130
(Judge Keeley)

CRANDALL CANYON MINE,
BOB MURRAY, CEO Murray Energy,
and SAGO MINE,

Respondent.

ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

On September 24, 2007, pro se petitioner, Jonathan Lee Riches ("Riches"), filed a civil rights complaint against the above named defendants. On the same day, the Clerk of the Court sent Riches a deficiency notice and "Notice of General Guidelines for Appearing Pro Se in Federal Court." The Court then referred this matter to United States Magistrate Judge John S. Kaul for initial screening and a report and recommendation.

On November 8, 2007, Magistrate Judge Kaul issued an Opinion and Report and Recommendation finding that Riches had neither paid the required filing fee nor filed a request to proceed in forma pauperis, and, therefore, recommending that the case should be dismissed without prejudice.

The Report and Recommendation specifically warned the petitioner that failure to object to the recommendation within ten

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days of being served with a copy would result in the waiver of any appellate rights on this issue. No objections were filed.¹

Therefore, the Court **ADOPTS** the Report and Recommendation in its entirety and **ORDERS** Riches' case **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** and stricken from the Court's docket.

The Clerk is directed to mail a copy of this Order to the pro se petitioner, certified mail, return receipt requested.

Dated: December 6, 2007

/s/ Irene M. Keeley
 IRENE M. KEELEY
 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

¹ The failure to object to the Report and Recommendation not only waives the appellate rights in this matter, but also relieves the Court of any obligation to conduct a de novo review of the issue presented. See Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 148-153 (1985); Wells v. Shriners Hosp., 109 F.3d 198, 199-200 (4th Cir. 1997).